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SUBJECT: RAF GREENHAM COMMON

REF: A) LONDON 8192; B) LONDON 7246

1. DENNIS SMITH OF THE GREENHAM COMMON CAMPAIGN
COMMITTEE INFORMED EMBASSY TODAY THAT THE CAMPAIGN
COMMITTEE IS MEETING DURING THE EVENING OF 25 MAY WITH
MCNAIR-WILSON TO DECIDE FINAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE
HANDLING OF THE PROSPECTIVE WASHINGTON TRIP BY
COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES (REFTELS). REMARKING THAT THE
COMMITTEE CONSIDERS UNSATISFACTORY THE UNCOOPERATIVE
TREATMENT IT HAS RECEIVED FROM OFFICIALS BOTH IN MOD
AND WASHINGTON, SMITH STRESSED THAT THE ABILITY OF THE
MODERATES TO HOLD CAMPAIGN PROTEST "WITHIN SENSIBLE
BOUNDS" IS RAPIDLY DIMINISHING. HE SAID IF THE
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COMMITTEE MEETS ON 25 MAY WITH NO MORE TO OFFER THE
CAMPAIGN THAN A RECORD OF FAILURE TO GET APPROPRIATE
APPOINTMENTS WITH US OFFICIALS, THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE
OBLIGED TO MOVE INTO HIGH GEAR AND CREATE A PUBLIC
FUSS WHICH WOULD BE "HEEDED."

2. ASSERTING THAT CAMPAIGN OFFICIALS HAVE GIVEN BOTH

LONDON AND WASHINGTON OFFICIALS EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO
DEAL WITH THEIR APPEAL FOR AN APPOINTMENT IN A
"GENTLEMANLY MANNER," THE NEWS PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE
TIMES THAT GREENHAM COMMON IS STILL FAVORED BY USAF AS
THE BEST BASE FOR KC-135 TANKERS HAS, SMITH SAID,
PRECIPITATED UNCONTROLLABLE PRESSURE WITHIN THE CAMPAIGN
FOR IMMEDIATE AND HIGHLY VISIBLE ACTION TO CONVINCE
BOTH GOVERNMENTS THAT GREENHAM COMMON IS NOT SUITABLE
AS A TANKER BASE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE AS REQUESTED IN
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